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CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES

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Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming that successful codification and progressive development of the rules of international law governing the non-navigational uses of international watercourses would assist in promoting and implementing the purposes and principles set forth in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 49/52 of 9 December 1994, by which it decided that the Sixth Committee should convene, at the beginning of the fifty-first session, as a Working Group of the Whole to elaborate a framework convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission,

Noting that some progress was achieved in the elaboration of the convention but that the Working Group was unable to complete its task,

1. Decides that the Working Group of the Whole of the Sixth Committee shall convene again for a period of two weeks between 27 January and 7 February 1997 to complete the task assigned to it in resolution 49/52;

2. Also decides that on the completion of its work the Working Group shall report directly to the General Assembly;

3. Further decides that the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution 49/52 shall continue to apply, and that the methods of work and procedures outlined in the annex to the present resolution shall be followed.

ANNEX

Methods of work and procedures

1. The Working Group of the Whole shall maintain its Drafting Committee, which shall only consider the provisions of the draft articles prepared by the International Law Commission that it was unable to consider in its previous meetings, namely, articles 7 and 33, as well as the draft preamble and the set of final clauses prepared by the Secretariat. 1/
2. The basic texts before the Working Group of the Whole shall be the articles worked out by the Drafting Committee contained in its report, 2/ and in the additional report presented pursuant to paragraph 1 above.
3. The Working Group of the Whole shall endeavour to adopt all texts by general agreement. Failing such an agreement within a reasonable period of time, it will take its decisions in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

1/ A/C.6/51/NUW/DC/CRP.2.

2/ A/C.6/51/NUW/WG/L.1 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1, Add.2, and Corr.1, Add.3 and Corr.1 and Add.4.